

SPECIAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Component: 50.20.451, 40.20.451

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Funded by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Unserved/Underserved Populations requirement, the Special Victim Assistance (SV) Program provides grant assistance to non-profit community-based organizations to provide direct services and outreach to underserved crime victims. Special crime victims are defined as individuals who have been victimized by a specific violent crime and are presently underserved (e.g. family members of homicide victims, elderly, or drunk-driving victims, but not necessarily an ethnic minority population).

Pursuant to the VOCA statistical information requirements, it is important to note only the numbers of victims served are reported and the number of services counted **once**. For example, while a court accompaniment may occur 10 times during the course of a trial, VOCA counts that as **one court accompaniment**, therefore, services provided to victims are significantly underrepresented in the following statistical information.

FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2008/09	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY 2007	\$ 605,300
	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY 2008	\$ 64,600
FY 2009/10	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY 2007	\$ 13,114
	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY 2008	\$ 4,600
	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY 2009	\$ 822,286
FY 2010/11		Unknown

2008/09 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

<u>2,067</u>	New victims of crime served*.
<u>1,843</u>	Crisis intervention services, in-person or telephone contact, provided to victims of crime.
<u>81</u>	Victims provided emergency assistance services, in response to a victim's immediate needs as a result of their victimization.
<u>1,770</u>	Resource and referral assistance services provided to victims, based on the victim's request or victim advocate's assessment.
<u>288</u>	Direct counseling services, in person or telephone contact, provided to a crime victim. SV staff makes referrals, if necessary, to other appropriate resources for client(s) having professional counseling needs.
<u>90</u>	Victims assisted in filing crime victim compensation claims.
<u>0</u>	Property return assistance given to victims, upon request, whose property was held as evidence by the criminal justice system.

<u>1,387</u>	Advocacy, support, and orientation to the criminal justice system provided to victims.
<u>142</u>	Victims provided information on the case and/or support/escort during court appearances or interviews with law enforcement and prosecution.
<u>276</u>	Presentations and training courses conducted for criminal justice agencies on SV resources, the rights and needs of victims, public presentations and publicity provided by SV projects promoting awareness of available services for crime victims.
<u>335</u>	Victims provided case status/case disposition, upon request, as their case progresses through the criminal justice system.
<u>81</u>	Notifications of family/friends provided by SV projects, upon request by victim, of the occurrence of a crime and the victim's condition as a result of the crime.
<u>12</u>	Employer notification/intervention services provided by SV projects, upon request from a victim.
<u>7</u>	Assistance given, upon the request of the victim, in obtaining restitution for the victim through the criminal justice system (imposition of the sentence).

* New statistic for the 2008/09 FY.

2009/10 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

2010/11 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

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